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For: NOVEL LINEAR)
BIODEGRADABLE COPOLYMER,)
COMPOSITION COMPRISING)
SAME, USE OF SAID COPOLYMER)
AND SAID COMPOSITION)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination and the calculation of filing fees, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, immediately following the title appearing on lines 1-3, insert the following:

--This disclosure is based upon French Application No. 99/07552, filed on June 15,
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1999 and International Application No. PCT/FR00/01488, filed May 30, 2000, which was
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Background of the Invention--